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Applicant:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed January 8, 2007, the period of response being extended from April 8, 2007 to July 8, 2007.

Please charge the amount of \$1,020 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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